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MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED UP £25,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS;
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.
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Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
upon application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [399]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,500,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months..... 5 per cent.

" 6 " " 4 "

" 3 " " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [393]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.
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Chief Manager,
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Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Farrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

" 6 " " 4 "

" 3 " " 3 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS " 3 " "

Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [8]

NOTICES.

THE STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SCOTLAND LTD. has a long record of good services to refer to its Funds, annually increasing, amount to £7,000,000. Stgs. The Premiums are moderate and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world PAYABLE at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL—TAELS 600,000. £83,333.33

EQUAL TO £300,000. £318,000.00

RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1892. [869]

MASONIC.

VICTORIA LODGE E.

HONGKONG, NO. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FARMERS' MAIL ZELAND Street, on WEDNESDAY THE 1ST INST., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Invitations are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1893. [349]

Amusements.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE
OF His Excellency Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON,
K.C.M.G.,
His Excellency the Hon. Sir EDMUND B.
FREMANTLE, K.C.B., C.M.G.,
AND
His Excellency Major-General DIGBY
BARKER, C.B.

G. R. A. N. D. C. O. N. C. E. R. T
BY
PUPILS OF MAESTRO CATTANEO,
in aid of the furnishing of
THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL
(Supplementary to the
ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL),
at present in course of erection.

ST. ANDREW'S HALL.

TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

—Opening Chorus, Sing

Pretty Maiden Sing

Romance and Chorus,

It was a Knight; Ro-

manus; 'Tis the Harp

in the Air; Angelus

Chorus—Maritana, by

Wallico.

2. Arias, for Bass, Dis-

pensasen Vada—Les

Huguenots, by Meyer-

beer

3. Arias for Contralto,

Che faro—Orfeo and

Euridice, by Gluck.

4. Piano Solo, Miss

CAROLINA DE SOUZA

5. Grand Arias and Caba-

lets, for Soprano—La

Miss E. CARVALHO

Travata, by Verdi.

6.—Romanza, Ua Balla in Ma-

scara, by Verdi.

7.—Aria and Allegro for

Soprano, I Puritani, by

Bellini.

8.—Ave Maria, for Bass

and Chorus, by A. Cat-

taneo. [NO ENCORES.]

PART II.

1.—Aria for Soprano, and

Mezzosoprano—Il

Trovatore, by Verdi.

2.—Aria for Soprano, Re-

berto II D'Alvola, by

Meyerbeer.

3.—Aria for Tenor, Come

Gentle Sleep, Ivachov,

by Sullivan.

4.—Waltz, from the Pac-

ific to the Atlantic, for

Violin and Piano, by

A. Cattaneo.

5.—Habanera & Bolero,

for Soprano, by Yradier,

and Ardil.

6.—Aria for Tenor, Salve

o Dimora, Faust, by

Gounod.

7.—Grand Arias for Bass

Manette, Secondo, by

Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

8.—Duet for Soprano and

Contralto, Stabat Ma-

ter, by Rossini.

9.—Mrs. G. S. COXON

and Mrs. A. G. GORDON

[NO ENCORES.]

TICKETS Two Dollars each, may be had from

MR. BRYTER, MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH, MESSRS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and MESSRS. ROBINSON

& CO., Hongkong.

10.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

and Mrs. A. G. GORDON

[NO ENCORES.]

11.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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12.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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13.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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14.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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15.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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16.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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[NO ENCORES.]

17.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

and Mrs. A. G. GORDON

[NO ENCORES.]

18.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

and Mrs. A. G. GORDON

[NO ENCORES.]

19.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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[NO ENCORES.]

20.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

and Mrs. A. G. GORDON

[NO ENCORES.]

21.—Mr. C. HOLLIDAY

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[NO ENCORES.]

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1893.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE beg to invite careful attention to the following List of WINES & SPIRITS, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

BRANDY.

	Per Gill.	Per Bottle.
OLD PALE COGNAC, O.P.	\$1.00	
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC, V.O.	1.00	
AN OLD LIQUEUR COGNAC, O.L.	1.50	
THE FINEST LIQUEUR COGNAC, 20 years old, V.O.	20	1.75

WHISKY.

SCOTCH:—A mellow old whisky...	8	0.75
F.O.S.—A blend of the finest whiskies produced in Scotland, matured in Sherry wood...	10	1.00
Liqueur.—A very rare old Scotch whisky, Square bottle...	11	1.00
IRISH.—John Jameson's...	9	0.80
AMERICAN.—Genuine old Bourbon...	10	1.00

GIN.

GENEVA A.V.H.—15 large bottles in case...	6	0.50
KEY BRAND GENEVA.—Finest procurable...	7	0.60
OLD TOM...	5	0.45

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co., Ltd., Victoria Dispensary, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently fitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English make us:

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition.

Courtesy Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPEARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

LEMON SQUASH

GINGER ALE

RASPBERRYADE

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

[5] BIRTH.

At 47, Quisen Road, Shanghai, on 13th February, the wife of D. CAMPBELL, of a son.

DEATHS.

At Tientsin, on the afternoon of the 18th February, GEORGE ARTHUR RACE, aged 19, of Leicester, England. Deeply regretted.

At Takow, South Formosa, on the evening of the 2nd March, 1893, CONWAY KNOX FLETCHER, Assistant H. I. C. M. Customs Service, aged 24 years.

At Chefoo, on 3rd March, DULICE MILDRED, only daughter of Paul H. King, Esq., of 1. M. Customs, Great Queen Street, Westminster, London, aged 8 years and 8 months.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 10th of March, 1893, CHRISTIAN CONTRADER, (late Second Engineer steamship "Portlock" (Moro)), aged 34 years.

At 43, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 11th of March, 1893, JOHN HENRY HOAR (Pilot), aged 33 years.

At Shanghai, on the morning of the 12th March, 1893, EUPHERMA MCARTHAIR, the beloved wife of Daniel Taylor Black. Deeply regretted.

The Hongkong Correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes under date March 13th:—It is with deep regret I have to record the death of another old resident in the person of Mr. Chiang Lung-ti, who died on board the *Kingfisher* just before leaving Shanghai on Tuesday, the 11th Inst. He was bidding a number of his friends "good-bye" when he fell down and expired of heart-disease. His body was brought down by the same steamer to be interred at his native place. Mr. Chiang Lung-ti was 56 years of age and was greatly esteemed among the foreign and natives. He was formerly a comrade in the firm of Messrs. Rees & Co., but after the breaking up of that firm he settled down in Ningpo as a merchant. He was a prominent member of the "Public Works Committee," and in that capacity was always ready to render assistance, pecuniary or otherwise, in the improvement and hygiene of our Settlement. He was foremost in philanthropic works, and helped both Chinese and Foreigners who were in need of assistance. A short time ago Mr. Chiang Lung-ti was the chief factor in the building of a mortuary to hold the bodies of those Chinese who died on the steamer, on their way down from Shanghai, and bodies taken out of the river, and what is a very remarkable fact he was the first person who died on board of a steamer after the mortuary was started. A peculiar Ningpo custom is that when any highly esteemed person dies, people show their respect and esteem for the deceased by sending what are called "Ching-het," small silk quilts, to cover the body and to line the coffin. I noticed on my visit to the house of the late Mr. Chiang that there were over 200 of these valuable silk quilts, the greater number of which will according to custom have to be burned. Mr. Chiang Lung-ti will be greatly missed both in the native city and the foreign settlement.

In the Police Court to-day Capt. Handyside, magistrate, committed Ng Kan to his trial, at the next sessions on a charge having in the 10th March obtained from a forged document with intent to defraud; and also, having obtained good by a pretence. An accomplice named "Lu-ti" was committed for trial on a charge of forgery. The "allegation" is that the person conceded a letter purporting to be from Chinese shop-keeper to his wife, asking her to bear certain silk clothes and other goods; by this letter she would give up 500 words of her husband's property.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton* left Singapore for this port on the evening of the 13th inst.

OBITUARY.

The death of M. Jules Ferry is announced.

THE PANAMA TRIALS.

PARIS, March 14th.

M. Bourges, minister of justice, has resigned in consequence of the action of the Assise Court in bringing Madame Cottu to confront the *Décret du 14 Juillet*.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

M. Gerard, formerly tutor to the Empress Augusta, and later French Minister to Montenegro, has been appointed Minister to China in place of M. Lemaire.

TYphoon WARNING.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Ortiz, the Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegram:—

MANILA, March 19th.

The depression reported two days ago is increasing; direction North North East.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Rattler* left Chinkiang for Wuhu on the 10th inst.

THE French cruiser *Inconstant* left Shanghai for the Yangtze ports on the 11th inst.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Lombardy* left Bombay on the 18th inst. for this port.

THE Russian man-of-war *Boreas*, with Admiral Tytlow on board, left Woosung for Hankow on the 13th inst.

It is said that Charles Coghlan has acted every grave part in "Hamlet" excepting the First Grave-digger.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended March 19th, are:—Europeans, 195; Chinese, 1,728; total 1,923.

THE *Shanghai Mercury* says that the first batch of steamers from Tientsin were expected to bring down four licks of dollars in silver and a similar amount in gold.

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Preceptory, will be held in Freemason's Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

THE Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamship *Mirrapore*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday, and is expected here about 5 p.m. on the 24th inst.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of China*, Capt. R. Archibald, from Vancouver, arrived at Yokohama at 10 a.m. to-day, and will leave again to-morrow for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

It is stated that Dr. Grunewald, student interpreter at the German Legation in Peking, will act as consul for Germany in Amoy during the absence of Mr. Feindel, who, as we stated the other day, goes to the Fatherland on nine months' leave of absence.

THE model settlement of Shanghai was treated to a Muskete invasion on the afternoon of the 11th inst., when a crowd of drunken sailors from the Russian flag-ship took charge of the Bund and amused themselves by ill treating all the Chinese they could lay their hands on.

THE idle French practice of accosting every stranger of being a "spy" is not, it seems, confined to France. The Tonkin authorities have expelled from Saigon a Chinese merchant whose movements have been watched from time to time, on suspicion of being a spy. Great will there be to spy in Tonkin!

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WE learn that in connection with the Chinese exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago, upwards of four hundred Chinese will leave for the United States by the Pacific Mail Co.'s steamer *Admiral* to-morrow, and that about seven hundred to go to the *Empress of Asia* on the 28th.

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THE world would be a better place if we could all be as honest as the Chinese.

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N. J. Eds, Secretary of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, proved sending a cheque to the Treasury in payment of Crown rent, etc.

IMPROVEMENTS are the order of the day in the enterprise Canadian Pacific Co., whose "ocean greyhound" the *Empress of Asia* has just been pointed up to the 1st and has various alterations made in her local Dock Company, including the addition of a number of first-class cabins, luxuriously appointed, the second-class saloon having been abolished in favour of more first-class accommodation. The growing popularity of "Empresses" has no doubt necessitated this alteration at the present juncture.

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March 1st. At a mass meeting of the clergymen of Belfast at which 15,000 were present, it was resolved to consider Home Rule if the bill passed. The proceedings were marked by great enthusiasm.

The trial of Sir Henry Isaac and others in connection with the "Insured Union" frauds has been postponed in consequence of the illness of one of the jurors.

The Pope in bidding farewell to the English pilgrims who visited Rome on the occasion of his jubilee, expressed the hope that England would soon become Catholic again.

In reply to a question in the German Reichstag, Count von Caprivi said that Germany would willingly join with Great Britain and America in referring special international disputes to arbitration, except as regards Alsace, which Germany would shed her last blood to keep.

Charles Wells, the Monte Carlo gambler, has been committed for trial on a number of charges of fraud as a patent agent.

A resolution in favor of bimetalism has been introduced in the House of Commons by a large majority.

SYDNEY, March 1st.

Bennett, formerly manager of the Paddington branch of the E. S. & A. C. Bank, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour. In passing sentence the Judge described Bennett as one of the most consummate hypocrites he had ever dealt with, and utterly discredited the prisoner's protestations as to his surrender to justice being due to remorse for his misdeeds.

LONDON, March 1st.

Intense excitement prevails in Wall Street, New York, owing to the sudden appointment of an Official Receiver in connection with the affairs of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. Over a million shares changed hands in the course of two hours.

All the switchmen on the Chicago lines of railway have struck work for increased wages.

Traffic is at a complete standstill. Notwithstanding the reassuring reports received from Egypt regarding the quietening down of the recent revolutionary excitement, the British Government continues to add to the strength of the army of occupation. Another battery of artillery has been despatched from England, and seven hundred of the 7th Dragoons from Bombay.

Cholera is raging in the Russian provinces on the borders of Austria with fatal effect.

A report is current to the effect that the French Government has retained four of the last cast of the Messageries Company's steamers to be utilized as auxiliary cruisers in the event of an outbreak of hostilities.

The eastern States of America have been swept by a terrific snow blizzard, destroying much property and causing considerable loss of life.

The trial at Rome of members of the *Mala Pura* Secret Society arrested about a year ago, has resulted in one hundred and four of the prisoners being sentenced to various terms of imprisonment.

The directors of the Liberator Building Society have been committed to take their trial.

An exceedingly bitter feeling prevails throughout the north of Ireland in view of the imminent culmination of the movement in favor of granting Home Rule to Ireland. The excitement is many localities has risen to such a pitch that it is feared the passing of the abhorred measure introduced by Mr. Gladstone will be the signal for a general resort to arms. It is known that the Unionist organizations throughout the United Kingdom are making large purchases of fire-arms and ammunition, and with a view to neutralising the evil consequences threatened by these preparations, the authorities are prohibiting the importation of arms into Ireland except under special conditions.

News has been received of the raiding of a large native village in Nyassaland by a band of Arab slave hunters. In the fighting which ensued nearly all the male inhabitants of the village were killed. All the women and children were carried off, but were closely pursued by a rescue party, they also were all slaughtered by their captors.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

WASHINGTON, March 1st. The United States Senate have shelved, for the remainder of the term a petition for annexation presented by the provisional Government of Hawaii.

LONDON, March 1st. In the House of Commons last night, Sir Henry Meysey Thompson, in moving his resolution, said that it was nowise a party question and that he did not urge the adoption of bi-metalism; all he asked for was a remedy. In the debate which followed, Mr. Gladstone stated that he was unable to take the initiative from America, and that no plan had been developed enabling Great Britain to change her standard of value. If the motion was carried it would place the Government in a ridiculous position, as the latter had no plan to submit, but that nevertheless Government were ready to sift the question. Mr. Gladstone then went on to say that wages had greatly increased in the past forty years under monometalism, and that bimetallism would involve a serious loss of capital invested abroad; he therefore asked the House to give the matter their careful consideration before forsaking the foundation wherein the commercial greatness of the Empire had been built. Mr. Goschen expressed his agreement with the orthodox arguments advanced by Mr. Gladstone, but regretted that Government were unwilling to urge the reassembling of the Brussels Conference. He held it to be the duty of Great Britain to exhaust every effort to extend the use of silver throughout the world. Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji said that the fact of there being separate currencies was of no account and that the only remedy for India's misery lay in affording her relief from expenses incidental to foreign domination. He appealed to the House to take this point into consideration, as he said, certain people in England were disposed to do justice to India. Sir William Harcourt stated that if America again convened a Monetary Conference and submitted definite proposals, Her Majesty's Government would be happy to attend to them. The motion was finally rejected by two hundred and twenty-nine votes against one hundred and forty-eight. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chapman supported the measure.

After the division on Sir Meysey Thompson's resolution the House agreed, without division, to an amendment brought forward by Mr. Ernest W. M. Beckett to the effect that any model with the single standard was open to the gravest objections, and that it was not expedient that Government should procure the reassembling of the Conference. The papers agree in declaring that the result of the division on Sir Meysey Thompson's resolution is a severe blow for bimetalists and generally endorse Mr. Gladstone's view of the subject.

March 2nd.

Yesterday at a Banquet given at the Colonial Institute on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, all the Colonial Agents were present. Lord Rosebery, presiding, said that the real solution of the problem of Imperial Federation is to be found in the Imperial Conference, which, however, it would be inopportune to summon now while Great Britain was passing through a grave political crisis.

March 1st.

Lord Herschell's Committee met to-day to consider their final report; it was adjourned to Wednesday next.

From Army Estimates it appears that the recruiting for the Army and Militia during the year has been most satisfactory. An additional sixty thousand pounds sterling is required to provide for a larger number enlisting.

Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji introduced in the House of Commons last night a Bill providing for simultaneous examinations in India and Great Britain of candidates for the Indian Civil Service.

March 3rd.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. J. W. Russell, Under Secretary of State for India, replying to a question put by Mr. Caine, said that Lord Kimberley proposes to request the Viceroy to appoint a Commission to inquire into and report upon the culture of hemp and preparations of hemp drugs in Bengal, and the effect of their consumption on the social and moral condition of the people, and also as to the desirability of forbidding the use of the drug on the part of the Government. Lord Kimberley, he added, would be glad if the result of the proposed step showed a possible further restriction of the sale of the drug. Mr. Russell said that the Commission would be composed partly of non-official natives and the enquiry would be as thorough as possible.

Mr. Russell, replying to Mr. Paul, said that the Bengal Jury Commission was empowered to deal with the whole question, including the power to report that the notification of Sir Charles Elliot be rescinded, but he (Mr. Russell) was unable to say what action will be taken on the report.

NOTICES.

March 1st. A new scheme for the extermination of rabbits is being tried in Australia. Cartridges generating poisonous gas are put in the burrows, the holes are closed and the rabbits are killed by the poison in the smoke, not by suffocation.

From statistics covering the last thirty-two

years it is computed that the average life of women in France has been thirty-eight years, and of men thirty-six years. During last year, however, the average rose to forty years for both sexes.

Several large cargoes of raw cotton grown in Central Asia were recently shipped at Odessa to German ports. The Russians are sanguine that there will be a vigorous development of the cotton-growing industry there in the near future. The quality of the cotton so far, however, has been inferior.

Orders have been given to the German Army officers not to load the sentries' rifles with cartridges after the end of the present year. This is taken in view of the much too frequent affrays between civilians and sentries, in which the latter usually used firearms with fatal effect.

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It is said that England, by means of a loan to the Spanish and Cuban Governments, is trying to get a grip on Cuba. If so, the will not make any fuss about Hawaii.

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A Paris newspaper offers prizes for the best designs for a new issue of French postage stamps. The present stamps, issued in 1875, have always been subjected to much harsh criticism.

Two new minerals, of scientific value only, were recently discovered at Ceylon. They have been named respectively Gekkialite and Biddeleyite. Both were found in pebble form.

Mr. Villiers, the "Father of the House of Commons," lately attained his ninetieth year. He fought his first battle at the polls in 1826, when George IV had yet some years to reign.

More than eight thousand English women have already signed the protest against the re-introduction of the crinoline, and the work of organizing them into clubs is still going vigorously on.

Four thousand nine hundred and fifteen new books and 1,339 new editions, a total of 6,251, were published in England last year. This is an increase of more than five hundred over the production of 1891.

Several French railway lines are going to light their carriages with the electric light, as it has been found perfectly practical to make and store electricity by means of a mechanical attachment to the engine.

The extent of the depression in the British shipping trade just now may be gathered from the fact that altogether 479 vessels, representing a tonnage of 630,000, were laid up the other week at English and Scotch ports.

A London shop firm recently offered a prize for the best design for a shoe. The Countess of Coveney acted as judge and awarded the first prize of 100 guineas to Miss A. Haselden of Hamfield, Bedf ordshire, Surrey.

Let the mathematicians work out the sum of the equational progression of:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 237, 238, 239, 240,

and find the total number of direct ancestors every living being has got, according to dogmatic Christianity.

Here, saving errors in multiplication, and addition, which really do not affect the gigantic total worth a feather, it is—a number expressed by 73 figures.

A new scheme for the extermination of rabbits is being tried in Australia. Cartridges generating poisonous gas are put in the burrows, the holes are closed and the rabbits are killed by the poison in the smoke, not by suffocation.

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LATEST QUOTATIONS
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—10 per cent., prem., sellers.
The National Bank of China, £d.—on £8.10, paid up, 35 per cent. div., sellers.
The National Bank of China, £d.—Founders' shares, \$130 per share, buyers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, £d.—£2, sellers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits £d.—Founders' shares, £20, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 £—24 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 £—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 £—14 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$3 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$5 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 105 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$100, sellers.
Oriental Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$225 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$32 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$29 per share, buyers.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$8 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—50 per cent. discount, buyers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$36 per share, sales and buyers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—70 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$10, per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$3 per share.
Funjom Mining Co.—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—50 cents, per share, buyers.
New Jinsui Mining Co., Limited—nothing per share, nominal.
The Himalayan Gold Mining Co., Limited—20 cents, per share, sales and buyers.
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$60 per share, sales and buyers.
The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sales and buyers.
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—4 cents per share, sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15, nominal.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$148 per share, ex. div., sellers.
Luton Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$15, nominal.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sales and buyers.
Dakin, Cruckshank & Co., Limited—\$2 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$7 per share, buyers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sales and sellers.
The West Point Buildings' Co., Limited—\$23 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$71 per share, sellers and buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$2 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Rose Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$100 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$64 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$63 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$2.75 per share, sales and buyers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sales and buyers.

EXCHANGE.
On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/81
Bank Bills, on demand 2/81
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/81
Credit at 4 months' sight 2/82
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/87
On PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/35
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/45
On INDIA:—
T. T. 221
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On SHANGAI—
Bank, T. T. 712
Private, to 10 days' sight 724

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Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
INGRABAN, German steamer, 806, E. Piper, 18th
March.—Saigon 14th March, Rice.—Wieler
& Co.
RIO, German steamer, 1,103, C. H. Davidsen,
18th March.—Saigon 14th March, Rice.—
Wieler & Co.
DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 614, R. Beltran,
18th March.—Manila 15th March, General,
Brandao & Co.
ZAFIRO, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban,
18th March.—Manila 15th March, General,
Shewan & Co.
TEALINE, British, str., 830, H. Bathurst, 19th
March.—Taiwan Foo 15th March, Amoy
16th, and Swatow 18th, General.—D.
Laprade & Co.
INISHOWEN HEAD, British steamer, 1,988, M. R.
Thompson, 19th March.—Singapore 13th
March, General.—Captain.
FIDELIO, German steamer, 742, Andrensen, 19th
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Melschers & Co.
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19th March.—Kobe 7th March, Shanghai
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FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,100, Lancaster,
19th March.—Canton 10th March, General,
C. M. S. N. Co.
NANYANG, German steamer, 1,018, T. F. W.
Schulz, 19th March.—Canton 10th March,
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CHOW-CHOW-PO, German steamer, 796, F.
Clausen, 19th March.—Nile 11th March,
Sugar and Wood.—Melschers & Co.
COSMOPOLIT, German steamer, 151, W. T.
Scheifer, 16th March.—Touren 13th March,
General.—Wieler & Co.
CHIYAU, German steamer, 623, W. Wendt, 18th
March.—Haiphong 14th March, and Meli
how 17th, General.—A. R. Mayr.
ELEN, German steamer, 747, Christensen, 16th
March.—Bavikko 2nd March, Rice.
LAUTA, Wegener & Co.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 1,003, Geo.
A. Lee, R.N.R., 1st March.—Vancouver
9th Feb., Yokohama 23rd, Kobe, and Shang
hai 28th, General.—C. P. Railways Co.
FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac,
Hongkong Government tender.
FRAMMER, Norwegian str., 185, O. Thorbjorn
Tunns, 18th March.—Bangkok 10th March,
Rice and Paddy.—Doddwell, Carrill & Co.
HAYTAN, British steamer, 1,82, F. Goddard,
17th March.—Amoy 16th March, and
Swatow 16th, General.—D. Laprade & Co.
KINGSLAND, British steamer, 1,206, Meek, 18th
March.—Saigon 13th March, Rice and
Paddy.—Shiemien & Co.
KAIMAHL, German steamer, 1,700, Th. Forck,
17th March.—Hamburg 1st March, and Singapore
10th March, General.—Siemsen & Co.
LOO SOO, British steamer, 1,028, J. Benson, 17th
March.—Bangkok, and Koh-si-chang 9th
March, Rice, and Paddy.—Scottish Oriental S. S. Co.
PEIRA NANO, British steamer, 1,021, W. H.
Watson, 20th March.—Bangkok, and Koh
si-chang 13th March, Rice and General.—
Yuen Fat Hong.
TAISANG, British steamer, 1,505, H. W. Hogg,
20th March.—Shanghai 16th March, General.—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HAIPHONG, French steamer, 874, H. Galletti, 20th
March.—Haiphong 18th March, General.—
Messageries Maritimes.
TAI-YUAN, British steamer, 1,405, R. Nelson,
R.N.R., 20th March.—Sydney 24th Feb.,
General.—Butterfield & Swire.
IMPENHUS, British battle-ship, 3,400, Captain
John M. QCobane, 20th March.—Manila
17th March.
YEEHANG, British steamer, 287, Waddilove, 20th
March.—Manila 17th March, General.—
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Haitan, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Inishowen Head, British, str., for Shanghai,
Independent, German steamer, for Saigon,
Taisman, British steamer, for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

March 19, Helen Brews, Hawaiian ship, for
Manila.
March 19, Swatow, British str., for Chochow, etc.
March 19, Halloong, British str., for Swatow, &c.
March 19, Chouteau Tower, British steamer, for
Kuching.
March 20, St. Andretus, Norwegian steamer, for
Saigon.
March 20, Namyong, British str., for Amoy.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Manilla, str., from Shanghai for Hong
kong.—Mr. J. P. Donevan. For Marseilles.—
Rev. A. and Mrs. Elwin, Miss Elwin and 3
children. For London.—Rev. F. and Mrs.
Brown and 3 children. Mrs. J. Grant Mackenzie
and 2 children; Mrs. J. H. Sharp and 2 children,
Mrs. Ford, 2 children and a maid, Mrs. J. P.
Donevan, and Miss Moore. From Amyot for
the Straits.—1,412 Chinese coolies.

Per Fidello, str., from Bangkok.—B. Chines.
Per Thalid, str., from Taiwan, &c. & Mrs.
Clark, Miss Shilling, Miss Emily Meissner,
Daisy Woods, and 210 Chinese.

Per Zafiro, str., from Manila.—Ernest Dyant,
Hon. F. Askey Cooper, Messrs. A. A. Cooper,
F. J. G. Chappell, H. Musco, H. F. Prentice,
and F. E. Hendry.

Per Day Sun, str., from Manil.—2 Chinese.

Per Ingraban, str., from Saigon.—2 Chinese.

Per Tintoretto, str., from Saigon.—8 Chinese.

Per Phra Nang, str., from Bangkok, etc.

Mr. Cheek and family, Professor F. Sykes, and 45
Chinese.

Per Gulliver, str., from Bombay, &c.—103
Chinese.

Per Tintoretto, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. and
Mrs. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Chaffey, Mr. and
Mrs. Kewick, Mr. W. S. Barkley, and 37
Chinese.

Per Taisman, str., from Sydney.—Mr. and
Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Rawle, Mr. and
Mrs. St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. and
Mrs. Missis, Mr. and Mrs. Colquhoun, Mr. and
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Mr. C. J. Williams.

Mr. J. Marchand.

TO DEPART.

Per Holden, str., for Amyot.—Mr. and Mrs.
Hughes, and Mr. T. M. Boyd. For Foochow.—
Mr. C. B. Rickitt.

REPORTS.

The British battle-ship Imperieuse reports
that she left Manila on the 17th instant. Had
fine weather throughout the voyage.

The British steamship Taisman, reports that
she left Shangha on the 16th instant. Had
light variable winds with much fine weather.

The British steamship Zafiro reports that
she left Manila on the 16th instant. Had moderate
winds and clear weather with heavy north
northeast swell throughout.

The British steamship Pao Ning reports that
she left Bangkok and Koh-si-chang on the
16th instant. From Koh-si-chang to Pulo Obi
had light easterly winds and fine weather
thence to port had moderate to fresh northerly
winds and fine weather.

The British steamship Taisman reports that
she left Sydney on the 24th ultimo. Had strong
south-easterly winds and high seas with
thick rainy weather to Brisbane. Detailed in
Brisbane for 57 hours by very bad weather and
strong south-easterly gale blowing. From Brisbane
to North reef had south-east gale and high
winds thence to Cabo had light to moderate
variable winds and fine weather; thence to
arrival had moderate to fresh northerly and
northeast winds and fine weather.

The British steamship Thales reports that she
left Taiwan Foo on the 15th instant, Amoy on the
16th, and Swatow on the 18th. From Taiwan Foo
to Amoy and Swatow had moderate monsoon
and overcast weather. From Swatow to Keelung
Point had light airs and heavy rain; thence to
port had fresh westerly breeze and fine clear
weather. In Amoy the steamships Cheang Fye
Ting, Hoshin, Alaria Sved, tug Samson,
in Swatow the steamships Wongan, Feihen,
Kaiyong, Hangzhou, Kangpao, and H. M. S.
Redpole.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Holhoo and Bangkok—Per Loo Soh
tomorrow, the 21st instant, at 9:30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per
Wing-tung tomorrow, the 21st instant, at 11:30
A.M.

For London via Marseilles.—Per Manilla to
morrow, the 21st instant, at 11:30 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersen,
18th Feb.—Patello 15th Feb